FACT SHEET

DoDSER

STANDARDIZED MILITARY SUICIDE SURVEILLANCE

The DoD Suicide Event Report (DoDSER) standardizes suicide surveillance efforts across the Services (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy) to support the DoD's suicide prevention mission.

Historically, all the Service branches used idiosyncratic suicide surveillance systems. In January of 2008, the DoDSER was launched as a DoD solution to monitor all branches of the military. The DoDSER program is a collaborative effort among the DoD's Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee (SPARRC), the Services' DoDSER Program Managers and the Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCoE).

The DoDSER is used for a variety of suicide behaviors, including suicides, suicide attempts and some other suicide related behaviors (e.g., deliberate self-harm or some cases in which only suicidal ideation is documented).

Each Service conducts a professional review of records, and conducts interviews where appropriate. The DoDSER includes instructions, detailed coding guidance, a computer-based training program and the DoDSER webform, which collects comprehensive information about the Service Member and the suicide event.

The Web & Mobile Technology Program Management Office, a component of the Defense Health Agency Solution Delivery Division, is responsible for DoDSER operational sustainment and maintenance.

Key Benefits

▶ Data collection software ensures success of the world-wide suicide surveillance mission

▶ Ability to analyze and report on suicide factors in real-time

▶ Opportunity to examine data across the Department of Defense

Key Features

▶ Resources for variety of suicide behaviors

▶ Site features instructions, coding guidance and instructions and computer-based training for conducting suicide reviews

▶ DoDSER webform collects details about Service Members and suicide events

DoDSER web address:
https://dodser.t2.health.mil/